



## THE PHYSICIAN'S *Bookshelf*

**ANTISERA, TOXOIDS, VACCINES AND TUBERCULINS IN PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT—Sixth Edition**—H. J. Parish, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.P.H. Formerly Clinical Research Director, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham, Kent, and D. A. Cannon, O.B.E., M.B., B.Sc., F.R.F.P.S.G., D.T.M. & H., Medical Adviser, Wellcome Research Laboratories, Beckenham, Kent; formerly Chief Pathologist, Federal Medical Department, Nigeria. Published for The Wellcome Foundation Ltd., by The Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore 2, Md. (exclusive U. S. agents), 1962. 315 pages, \$8.50.

The new (1962) edition of this manual retains much of the solid reference value of previous editions, as well as some of their quaint characteristics. Again there are full-page pictures of a horse being bled, of a media kitchen, and of masked men with glass bottles ("The three types of living virus suspension being blended to make poliomyelitis vaccine (oral)"). There is a long detailed discussion of manufacture standardization and application of various tuberculins, but no mention is made of other skin tests; e.g., coccidioidin, histoplasmin or the Ducrey test material.

Obviously the volume is primarily oriented toward readers in Great Britain, but it seems a somewhat imbalanced compilation for the physician in the United States. Such measures as "scarlet fever prophylactic" (1 page) or "leptospira antiserum" (1 page) will seem to most U. S. doctors unwarranted for lack of evidence.

Nevertheless, the book contains much valuable reference material and may be useful for some hospital libraries.

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**DOCTOR AND PATIENT AND THE LAW—Fourth Edition** of Dr. Louis Regan's book with same title—C. Joseph Stetler, LL.B., LL.M., Member, Bar of District of Columbia and of Illinois; General Counsel and Director of Legal and Socio-Economic Division, American Medical Association; and Alan R. Moritz, A.M., Sc.D., M.D., Professor of Pathology and Director of the Institute of Pathology, Western Reserve University. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1962. 529 pages, \$14.75.

The revision of Doctor Louis J. Regan's original book of the same title by Mr. Stetler and Doctor Moritz, is outstanding in every way. The new text substantially changes and expands the earlier work and it reflects many of the things that have occurred in the twenty years that have elapsed since Doctor Regan's first edition was copyrighted.

"Rights and Duties of Physicians" is the title of Part I. Such things as state licensure, membership on hospital medical staffs and in medical societies, agreements to restrict the practice of medicine, statutory duties regarding reportable diseases and vital statistics, are thoroughly discussed and pertinent statutes and appellate cases cited.

It is in Part II that the rights and responsibilities of patients and physicians are discussed. Included are such basic concepts as the confidential relationship between physician and patient, the way in which a physician may properly withdraw from a case, the obtaining of consent

for treatment, autopsies, and the physician's role in various commitment proceedings.

The physician as a witness in a court proceeding is explained in Part III, and all facets of medical-professional liability are treated in Part IV.

This volume is well-written, balanced and legally sophisticated. It is one of the most complete summaries of medical jurisprudence yet written. Physicians and lawyers will find useful and interesting, this well-documented and accurate treatise.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, LL.B.

**TEXTBOOK OF VIROLOGY (for Students and Practitioners of Medicine—Fourth Edition—A. J. Rhodes, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), F.R.S.C., Director, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto; Professor of Microbiology, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto; and Consultant Virologist, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; and C. E. van Rooyen, M.D., D.Sc. (Edin.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), F.R.C.P. (C), Professor of Bacteriology, Dalhousie University; Bacteriologist, The Victoria General Hospital; Consultant Bacteriologist, Camp Hill Hospital, Department of Veterans Affairs; Consultant Virologist, The Canadian Forces Hospital, Halifax, N.S. (With the assistance of contributors). The Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore 2, Md., 1962. 600 pages, \$13.50.**

This is a fourth edition of a standard textbook on virology for students and practicing physicians. Progress in the field has been so rapid that it has been almost completely rewritten. Not only has information about virus disease proliferated in a remarkable way, largely due to the introduction of techniques of tissue culture, but the total number of viruses known to cause disease is also rapidly increasing. For this reason, a text of this length is able to devote only a small amount of space to the individual groups of agents. Thus the vast flood of new information about enteric viruses other than poliomyelitis is included in 27 pages. More than 50 are devoted to the latter agent which is probably appropriate in relationship to the number of years of study that have been made of polio viruses, but it is probably not a proper distribution in terms of the student and physician who in the future will have far more to do with the other enteric viruses.

An immense amount of valuable information has been packed into this book. Particularly helpful is a table indicating the animal vectors of a large number of agents. There are also straightforward statements on the classification of the groups of the various viruses and many excellent photographs.

In summary, this is an excellent short textbook for students and practicing physicians. It contains all of the necessary information for an understanding of present relationships of viruses to disease. Quite appropriately, the clinical description is very brief and this text would necessarily be used as a corollary reading to a good textbook of medicine.

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